

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A pneumatic tire comprising a tread with shoulders, a belt structure located below the tread, and a carcass with two sidewalls, two inextensible annular beads, and a radial ply structure, the radial ply structure having terminal ends located axially outward and radially inward of the belt structure, the tire characterized by:
 - the shoulders each having a continuous curving radially outer profile;
 - the belt structure comprising an annular layer of parallel cords directly adjacent to the radial ply structure, the annular layer having a pair of opposing annular edges and a continuous radius curve profile;
 - an annular reinforcing strip layer located radially inward and directly adjacent of each annular layer edge along the edge of each annular layer, each strip layer being comprised of cords inclined at an angle of 0° to 5° relative to a centerline of the tire, each strip layer having a width of not greater than 20 mm as measured between terminal ends of the strip layer, and one terminal end of the strip layer extending axially outward of the belt structure, the amount of axial extension of the strip layer being greater than 0 mm and not more than 10 mm.
2. (original) The tire of claim 1 wherein the annular reinforcing strip layer is comprised of cords, the cord material selected from a group of material consisting of nylon, rayon, polyester, aramid, metal, and glass.
3. (canceled)
4. (original) The tire of claim 1 wherein the belt structure further includes an overlay ply located radially outward of the annular layer of parallel cords, the overlay having a width greater than the annular layer of parallel cords.
5. (original) The tire of claim 4 wherein the annular reinforcing strip layer is formed of the same cords as the overlay ply.
6. (original) The tire of claim 4 wherein the annular reinforcing strip layer is formed of

cords dissimilar from the cords of the overlay ply.

7. (original) The tire of claim 1, the tire further comprising runflat rubber inserts in the sidewalls.
8. (canceled)
9. (original) The tire of claim 1, wherein the annular reinforcing strip layer has a width of 15 mm.
10. (currently amended) A pneumatic runflat tire, the tire comprising a tread with shoulders, a belt structure located below the tread, and a carcass with a radial ply structure and terminal ends located axially outward and radially inward of the belt structure, two sidewalls, at least one rubber insert axially inward of the radial ply structure in each sidewall, and two inextensible annular beads, the tire characterized by:
 - the shoulders each having a continuous curving radially outer profile;
 - the belt structure comprising an annular layer of parallel cords directly adjacent to the radial ply structure, the annular layer having a pair of opposing annular edges and a continuous radius curve profile;
 - an annular reinforcing strip layer located radially inward and directly adjacent of each annular layer edge along the edge of each annular layer, each strip being comprised of cords inclined at an angle of 0° to 5° relative to a centerline of a tire, each strip having a width of not greater than 20 mm as measured between terminal ends of the strip layer, and one terminal end of the strip layer extending axially outward of the belt structure, the axial extension of the strip layer being greater than 0 mm and not more than 10mm
11. (canceled)
12. (original) The tire of claim 10 wherein the belt structure further includes an overlay ply located radially outward of the annular layer of parallel cords, the overlay having a width greater than the annular layer of parallel cords.

13. (original) The tire of claim 12 wherein the annular reinforcing strip layer is formed of the same cords as the overlay ply.
14. (canceled)
15. (original) The tire of claim 10 wherein the annular reinforcing strip layer has a width of 15 mm.
16. (new) The tire of claim 1 wherein the annular reinforcing strip is comprised of cords, the cords having a relative elongation of at least 4% when under a tensile force equal to the cord breaking load.
17. (new) The tire of claim 1 wherein the amount of axial extension of the strip layer is not more than 75% of the width of the strip layer.
18. (new) The tire of claim 10 wherein the annular reinforcing strip is comprised of cords, the cords having a relative elongation of at least 4% when under a tensile force equal to the cord breaking load.
19. (new) The tire of claim 10 wherein the amount of axial extension of the strip layer is not more than 75% of the width of the strip layer.

The above amendments are supported by the original specification.